

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Executive Council**

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Friends,

At last week's Governor & Council meeting and breakfast meeting, much of the discussion turned to recent appointments by Governor Hassan. The Council agreed to move forward and confirm Liquor Commission marketing & warehousing director Rick Gerrish for a one-year term (5-0), and to confirm Senior Assistant Attorney General Jane Young (4-0). Additionally, Governor Hassan reported that she would not be asking for a confirmation vote for her prior nominees to the state's energy Site Evaluation Commission, Senators Bob O'Dell and Amanda Merrill.

The Council approved 67 items including several of regional or statewide importance:

**IN CENTRAL NH:** A contract for English language instruction, employment services, and other aid to support self-sufficiency in Concord refugees; federal aid to repair/replacement of malfunctioning heating systems in low-income housing through Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program; a new conservation easement for 488 acres in Barnstead, Pittsfield, and Strafford; and replacement of 260 windows and lead paint at state office buildings in Concord.

**IN MONADNOCK & WESTERN NH:** A contract for federally-funded repair/replacement of malfunctioning heating systems in low-income housing through Southwestern Community Services.

**IN STRAFFORD CO:** A contract for federally-funded repair/replacement of malfunctioning heating systems in low-income housing through Community Action Partnership of Strafford County.

**STATEWIDE:** Amending a prior contract with a consulting firm to assist the state Department of Health & Human Services in obtaining a waiver from the federal government to enact a uniquely New Hampshire version of the Medicaid expansion currently happening in many other states. Under the bipartisan New Hampshire law, our state will use private insurance carriers where possible for newly Medicaid-eligible citizens, rather than using government-administered Medicaid as the default insurer. Also, the state approved authorization of \$55 million in bonds by Pennichuck water works for capital improvements and refinancing of prior debt, to limit future rate increases.

**APPOINTMENTS:** See full list below.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, Oct 29 in Concord. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know via email at [cvanostern@nh.gov](mailto:cvanostern@nh.gov) or by calling me at (603) 290-5848.

Sincerely,  
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## [FULL 10/15 AGENDA](#)

(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

### *FULL INFORMATION*

#### **1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH**

Authorized the confirmation of Captain Jillian M. Murray-Duchesne, Salisbury, NH, to the rank of Major, NH Army National Guard

[#6](#) Authorized to enter into agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated August 29, 2014, to provide social services that lead directly to self-sufficiency for refugees in an amount not to exceed \$660,000. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#29](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH, for the repair or replacement of malfunctioning heating systems in low-income households receiving weatherization services, in the amounts of \$84,350. (2) Further Authorized to advance the vendor \$15,183. Effective October 15, 2014 through September 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#46](#) Authorized to award an Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund grant to the Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, in the amount of \$361,600 to acquire a conservation easement on a parcel of land totaling 488 acres in Barnstead, Pittsfield, and Strafford. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2016. **100% Aquatic Resource Mitigation Funds.**

[#61](#) Authorized the Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with Meridian Construction Corp., Gilford, NH, for Main Building Window Replacement and Asbestos-Containing & Lead Based Paint Removal, Concord, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$999,400. **100% Capital-General Funds.** (2) Further Authorized the amount of \$21,000 for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction, Capital Clerk for oversight and engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$1,020,400. **100% Capital-General Funds.** (3) Further Authorized the amount of \$1,824 for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$1,022,224. Effective upon G&C approval through May 29, 2015. **38% Federal, 62% Transfer Funds.**

#### **2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION**

Authorized the nomination of Lieutenant Colonel Barry W. Groton of the Virginia Army National Guard, Charlestown, NH, for appointment to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, NH Army National Guard. This officer meets all prerequisites for this grade, having been found to be physically, mentally, and professionally qualified.

[#28](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Southwestern Community Services Inc., Keene, NH, for the repair or replacement of malfunctioning heating systems in low-income households receiving weatherization services, in the amounts of \$68,350. (2) Further Authorized to advance the vendor \$12,303. Effective October 15, 2014 through September 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

### **3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY**

[#30](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Dover, NH, for the repair or replacement of malfunctioning heating systems in low-income households receiving weatherization services, in the amounts of \$48,900. (2) Further Authorized to advance the vendor \$8,802. Effective October 15, 2014 through September 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

### **4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES**

[#5A](#) Authorized to amend a **sole source** agreement with Manatt Phelps and Phillips LLP, New York, NY (originally approved by G&C on 3-26-14, item #27A), to provide additional professional services to assist the Department's implementation of two critical components of the NH Health Protection Program: (i) the mandatory Health Insurance Premium Program and (ii) the Premium Assistance Program. This amendment also seeks funding to support an amendment to the Department's Section 1115 Medicaid Transformation waiver now pending at the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, by increasing the price by \$580,000 from \$1,675,000 to \$2,255,000. Effective upon G&C approval through the original end date of March 31, 2015. **50% Federal, 50% General Funds.**

### **5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS**

( \* = District 2 Resident)

New Nominations by Governor Hassan:

#### **Director of the Division of Personnel at the Department of Administrative Services**

Sara J. Willingham, Concord\*

#### **Appellate Board**

Susan Ender, Rye

Angela T. Finney, Concord\*

James E. Townsend, Manchester

#### **Board of Architects**

David Udelsman, Hollis

#### **State Council on the Arts**

Sara W. Germain, Dublin\*

Mary W. McLaughlin, Bedford

Elizabeth A. Morgan, Amherst

#### **Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services**

Vicki V. Quiram, Bedford

#### **Joint Promotional Program Screening**

Molly Mahar, North Woodstock

David Redfearn, Madbury\*

#### **Real Estate Appraisers Board**

Lee F. Carroll, Gorham

#### **State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation**

Michael Whitten, Manchester

Confirmed by the Council:

**Enhanced 911 Commission**

David R. Caron, Belmont\*

Cecily McNair, Epsom

**Board of Fire Control**

Norman W. Skantze, Swanzey

**Health Exchange Advisory Board**

Lisa M. Morris, Gilford

**Historical Resources Council**

Linda Willett, Nashua

**Lakes Management Advisory Committee**

Robert W. Compton, Deering

**Nashua Police Commission**

Robert E. Valade, Nashua

**Assistant Director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management at the Department of Safety**

Jennifer L. Harper, Concord\*

**Waste Management Council**

Daniel P. Sweet, Kensington

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